

June 2024

Golden Valley Lodge #616 Newsletter



Archipelago

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Dear Brothers and Sisters:
Join us for our June meeting which will be our social. Hosts are Chuck and Beth Bunnell. We have our favorite Taco Guy making our favorite Mexican dinner on our patio. We will have Swedish guitar music and bingo. We will not have a business meeting that night so if you have any bill(s), please email them (gladegal2003@yahoo.com) to arrive before Wednesday, June 12th. This will be our

last meeting until September 12th. Our Hollywood Bowl event will be July 2 and we have 47 attending the event. We are working on 2025 for a nice event and I will send an email out to members after our June 12th management meeting. You will be asked to choose the event you like and email the information to me over the summer. Hope to see you all June 13th on our patio.

Delphine

If you have not paid your membership dues, they are due.
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GVL Happenings

Happy June/July/August Birthday!!!

JUNE (6)

Linda Trowbridge	2
Dylan Olson	3
Daniel Buck	5
Lars-Ove Nilsson	6
Thomas Anderson	6
Hanna Olson	9
Christina Poe	12
Daniel Wendt	13
Robert Linfors	15
Lindsey Wendt	17
Nathan Coddling	18
Gary Andonian	20
Ethel Rosalie Loberg	21
Jessica Osman	29

JULY (7) Dark - no meeting

Gunilla Thelin	2
David Danhi	2
Anette Richards	4
Mark Hanson	7
Dorothy Burns	10
Andrea Tabanelli	14
Tiffany Storch	17
Britt Anderson	18
Florence Bergstrom	18
Dakota Martinez	25
Joyce Gaynor	26
Ruzenna di Benedetto	30

AUGUST (8) Dark - no meeting

Grace Foley	1
Kyle Dewey	2
Christer Olin	6
Jessica Danhi	6
Maria Jacobs	8
Gunilla DePaoli	8
Elisabet Perez	10
Inger Saffee	14
Lynn Fleischer	18
Gertie Lindstrom	20
Marie Mickelson	21
Jay Halvorson	23
Sayd Birgitta Sidenius	29

2024 Golden Valley Lodge Board & Service Positions

Chair: Delphine Trowbridge
Vice Chair: Jason Trowbridge
Past Chair: Maidie Karling
Recording Secretary: Dorothy Burns
Assistant Secretary: Cecilia Danhi
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Financial Secretary: Ann-Kristin Karling
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& Delphine Trowbridge
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Financial: Hubert Pitters
Historian: Laurie Taylor
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Alternative Ann-Sofi Holst
Bar: Valerie & Dylan Olson
Newsletter: Laurie Taylor
Youth Group: Cecilia Trowbridge
Vasa Star: Laurie Taylor



Culture Corner: ABBA Knighted



June 2 (UPI) -- Former ABBA members Bjorn Ulvaeus, Anni-Frid Lyngstad, Agnetha Faltskog and Benny Andersson reunited this weekend to be knighted by Sweden's King Carl XVI Gustaf and Queen Silvia.

The 1970s and '80s pop icons were presented with the Royal Order of Vasa, making them Commanders of the First Class, for "very outstanding efforts in Swedish and international music life."

Sweden had only bestowed this particular distinction on foreigners as opposed to Swedish citizens since 1975.

The ceremony marked a rare appearance for the group, which was comprised of two couples who divorced at the height of their fame. They have not played together live since 1982, but they did record the 2021 comeback album, *Voyage*. There are no plans to collaborate again, however.

Their music -- including hits like "Dancing Queen," "Thank You For the Music," "SOS," "Waterloo" and "The Winner Takes It All" -- is the basis of the stage shows *Mamma Mia!* and *ABBA Voyage*.

Free Concert - Woodland Hills

August 11, 2024 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm

The FABBA Show an ABBA tribute

Lou Bredlow Pavilion in Warner Park

5800 Topanga Canyon Blvd.

Woodland Hills, CA

valleycultural.org

Things to do in Sweden in the Summer

Summer in Sweden

As the gentle embrace of spring makes way for the vibrant hues of summer, Sweden undergoes a remarkable transformation. The Swedish summer is not merely a season; it's a celebration of life, light, and the breathtaking beauty that graces this Nordic paradise.

Picture-perfect landscapes come alive during summer, adorned with lush greenery, vibrant wildflowers, and tranquil lakes reflecting the endless blue sky. The days stretch longer, allowing for immersive experiences and the chance to witness the Midnight Sun's captivating phenomenon in the country's northern reaches.

When is summer in Sweden?

Summer in Sweden typically spans from June to August. According to The Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Institute (SMHI), summer arrives on the first day of five with a temperature above +10°C. However, the exact timing and weather can vary depending on the region within Sweden. For an up-to-date report on how far summer has come in Sweden, look at SMHI's season arrival map.

Weather in Sweden – average summer temperatures

Kiruna, northern Sweden: +5°C to +14°C in June, +8°C to +18°C in July, +6°C to +16°C in August.

Stockholm, middle Sweden: +11°C to +20°C in June, +14°C to +23°C in July, +13°C to +21°C in August.

Malmö, southern Sweden: +9°C to +19°C in June, +12°C to +23°C in July, +12°C to +21°C in August.

Summer in Sweden – Three Things to Do

Experience the Midnight Sun

During the summer months, visitors can marvel at the phenomenon of the Midnight Sun, where the sun remains visible around the clock in Sweden's northern regions. This natural spectacle offers a unique opportunity to experience the beauty of endless daylight and the surreal atmosphere it creates.

Indulge in music and festivals

Swedish summer comes alive with various cultural events and music festivals. From the renowned *Sweden Rock Festival* in Sölvesborg to the lively *Dansbandsveckan* in Malung and the

eclectic *Way Out West Festival* in Gothenburg, there's something for every music lover to enjoy. Additionally, *Malmöfestivalen* in Malmö offers diverse music, arts, and culinary delights, transforming the city into a bustling hub of creativity and celebration.

Take part in a Swedish crayfish party (kräftskiva)

One of Sweden's beloved summer traditions is the 'kräftskiva', a festive crayfish party that brings people together in August to celebrate the season. With its origins dating back a century, a crayfish party features delicious crayfish and a variety of side dishes from guests in a communal custom known as 'knytkalas' or 'knytis'.

Summer 2024 highlights

6 June: Swedish National Day is marked by various festivities across the country, including flag ceremonies, parades, concerts, and traditional folk dances.

21 June: Midsummer Eve in Sweden is a cherished celebration, marking the arrival of the summer solstice. Families and friends gather around maypoles adorned with flowers, dancing traditional folk dances and indulging in delicious delicacies like herring and strawberries.

7-8 August: The crayfish premiere (kräftpremiär). Nowadays, no specific date is set for the start of the crayfish season. However, the crayfish party season traditionally began on the first Wednesday of August, in line with the historic ban on crayfish fishing between November and August 7th.

15 August: The official fermented herring premiere is celebrated in restaurants nationwide, marking the start of the 'surströmming' season.

28 August: The day of the Swedish meatballs (Köttbullens dag). Swedes unite to honour the iconic Swedish meatballs on this particular day, indulging in this delicious dish served with lingonberry sauce and creamy mashed potatoes.

Sources: <https://visitsweden.com/about-sweden/summer/>
<http://imeanddate.com>

The Stockholm Archipelago

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stockholm_Archipelago

The Stockholm Archipelago (Swedish: Stockholms skärgård) is the largest archipelago in Sweden, and the second-largest archipelago in the Baltic Sea (the largest being the Archipelago Sea across the Baltic in Finland). Part of the archipelago has been designated as a Ramsar site** since 1989.

Geography

Korsö, Kroksö and Sandhamn islands

The archipelago extends from Stockholm roughly 60 kilometres (37 miles) to the east. In a north–south direction, it mainly follows the coastline of the Södermanland and Uppland provinces, reaching roughly from Öja island, south of Nynäshamn, to Vaddö, north of Norrtälje. It is separated from Åland by a stretch of water named South Kvarken. A separate group of islands lies further north, near the town of Öregrund. Between Arholma and Landsort there are approximately 24,000 islands and islets. Some of the better-known islands are Dalarö, Finnhamn, Nässlingen, Grinda, Husarö, Ingarö, Ljusterö, Möja, Nämndö, Rödlöga, Tynningö, Utö, Svartsö and Värmdö.

The biggest towns of the archipelago, apart from Stockholm, are Nynäshamn, Vaxholm and Norrtälje. The village of Ytterby, famous among chemists for naming no fewer than four chemical elements (erbium, terbium, ytterbium and yttrium), is situated on Resarö in the Stockholm Archipelago.

The shipping routes from the Baltic to Stockholm pass through the archipelago. There are three main entrances suitable for deep-draught craft, namely, those near Landsort, Sandhamn, and Söderarm.

History

The Stockholm Archipelago is a joint valley landscape that has been shaped – and is still being shaped – by post-glacial rebound. It was not until the Viking Age that the archipelago began to assume its present-day contours. The islands rise by about three millimeters each year. In 1719 the archipelago had an estimated population of 2,900, consisting mostly of fishermen. Today the archipelago is a popular holiday destination with some 50,000 holiday cottages (owned mainly by Stockholmers). The Stockholm Archipelago Foundation, dedicated to the preservation of the nature and culture of the archipelago, owns some 15% of its total area.

The inhabitants in the archipelago, from around the mid-1400s to the end of the second world war, were combined farmers and fishermen. Spring and autumn fishing was quite intensive in the outer archipelago from 1450 until the mid-

1800s, and many fishermen lived for long periods in the outer islands because of the long distances to their permanent houses in the inner archipelago. The combined farming and fishing culture lasted until around 1950–1955 when the younger generation, born during and directly after the war, started to leave the archipelago and look for jobs in the cities on the mainland. Today most of the small farms on the islands are closed and the fishing industry has almost disappeared.

Culture

Many poets, authors and artists have been influenced and fascinated by the Stockholm Archipelago. Among them are August Strindberg, Ture Nerman, Roland Svensson, Ernst Didring and Aleister Crowley. Björn Ulvaeus and **Benny Andersson from the group ABBA wrote most of their songs in a cabin located on the archipelago.**

Boating is an extremely popular activity with the sailing race Ornö runt (or Around the island of Ornö) being the largest in the archipelago. This annual race, organised by the Tyresö Boat Club, has taken place every year since 1973. It is open to anyone with a sailing boat but requires registration. There are different entry classes, with the family class being the least competitive. In the winter skaters make excursions over the ice.

Water

The water has a pH value of 7.0 (neutral) or slightly lower, to be compared with approximately 8.0 for seawater. Together with humic substances this sometimes causes a bit brownish water color, especially in the inner parts. The salinity varies between freshwater and brackish water (a mixture of saltwater and freshwater) with poor salinity. In the outer parts of the archipelago, the salinity reaches around 0.6–0.7 per cent by weight, to be compared with at least 1.5 for beginning to taste salty and around 3.0 or more for proper oceanic water. Sea ice is regularly formed in the inner parts every winter.

Travel

Visiting the larger islands in the archipelago is easy all year round, but during winter period the routes depend on the ice conditions. Several companies have regular routes. The largest ship owner company is Waxholmsbolaget owned by the Stockholm County government. Taxi boats are also available. In summer the archipelago bristles with private boats filled with people who often take advantage of Allemansrätt (or “everyman’s right”), a law which gives anyone the right to go ashore or anchor on any ground not in the direct vicinity of buildings.

Our May Meeting & Sock Hop

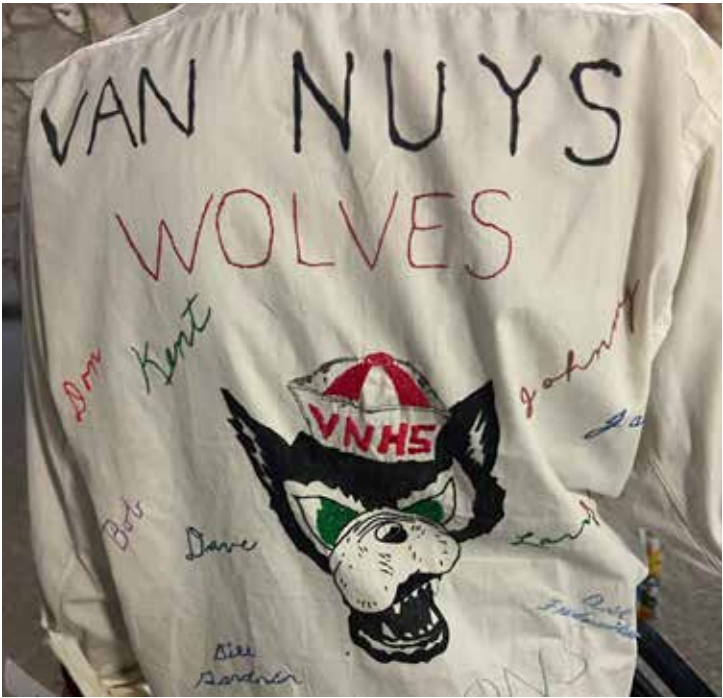


Our very creative dinner hosts Jennifer Dewy and Tiffany Storch





The decorations were everywhere! They were so creative and well done!



Dorothy Burns' high school '50's shirt with embroidered decorations



Isabella Muscarella came to our meeting for the first time in a long time.

Ramsar site**

A Ramsar site is a wetland site designated to be of international importance under the Ramsar Convention, also known as “The Convention on Wetlands”, an international environmental treaty signed on 2 February 1971 in Ramsar, Iran, under the auspices of UNESCO. It came into force on 21 December 1975, when it was ratified by a sufficient number of nations. It provides for national action and

international cooperation regarding the conservation of wetlands, and wise sustainable use of their resources. Ramsar identifies wetlands of international importance, especially those providing waterfowl habitat. As of November 2023, there are 2,500 Ramsar sites around the world, protecting 257,106,360 hectares, and 172 national governments are participating.

Archipelago - From cover page

Thousands of islands and skerries form the Östgöta archipelago. The archipelago offers a variation of nature and most islands can be reached by Östgötatrafiken or with Skärgårdslinjen’s tour boats. The most visited and easily accessible places are Arkösund, Tyrislöt, Fyrudden, Ekön, Stegeborg and the islands of Harstena and Häradsjär.